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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-28 are pending. In the Office Action, claims 10-14 and 19-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by D'Arlach et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,433, hereinafter "D'Arlach"); and claims 15-18 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Arlach in view of Gerace (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the Interview. During the Interview, the claims and cited references were discussed.

Claim Rejections

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by D'Arlach. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 10 recites storing a user-specific template program for the user in a data structure indexed by a user identifier unique to the user and retrieving a stored template program specific to the user in the data structure using the determined user identifier associated with the request.

The rejection states that D'Arlach discloses the storing step at col. 6, lines 36-66. This section discloses a web site that is stored in a directory in the server. *See D'Arlach*, col. 6, lines 50-51. Storing a web site in a directory does not disclose or suggest storing a user-specific template in a database indexed by a user identifier unique to the user. As discussed in the Examiner Interview, the web site created in D'Arlach does not disclose or suggest that it is stored in the directory and indexed by a user-specific identifier. A general disclosure that a web site is stored in a directory does disclose or suggest indexing the web site using a user identifier.

The rejection states that D'Arlach discloses the retrieving step at col. 10, lines 40-50. This section discloses that a user can log in as the administrator using a password. Using a password to log in to a site does not disclose or suggest retrieving a stored template program in a data structure using a determined user identifier associated with a request. The template program

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is stored in the database and indexed by the user identifier, as claimed. The template program is then retrieved using the user identifier, as claimed. In D'Arlach, a user logs in using a password. A web site may be displayed after logging in; however, D'Arlach does not disclose or suggest that the web site is indexed with a user identifier and retrieved using the user identifier. Rather, the password allows the user to access the site. There is no mention that the site is indexed by the user identifier. There is no mention in D'Arlach that the web site is indexed in a database using the password.

Applicants also submit that D'Arlach does not disclose or suggest user-specific template programs. A web site may be published and accessed by users in D'Arlach. There is no mention that the web sites are user-specific. Also, D'Arlach may disclose that a user logs in with a password to access a web site. But, this does not disclose or suggest that the web site is user-specific. Rather, the password just allows access to changing the web site. It is possible that many users may access the web site using many different passwords. Also, a user may change his/her password and still log on to the site. The site, however, is still stored in the same directory and is not indexed using any of the passwords. Applicants thus submit that access is different from storing a user-specific template in a database indexed by a user identifier.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10. Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom.

Applicants submit that claims 19 and 20 should be allowable for at least the similar rationale as discussed with respect to claim 10. Claims 21-28 depend from claim 20 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 21-28.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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